



2015 JUNE CALENDAR

ERVING STATE FOREST

Park Interpreter: James

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Programs are free and open to the public, reasonable accommodations available upon request. Parking is \$5 per day. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs & Nature Center. All programs are weather dependent, please call Erving State Park for details or questions

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Walk...ALot...Here 10 – 11:30	5 It's a Microscopic World 10 – 11 a.m. Wild, Woolly & Wet Black Bears 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Nature Center Open House 2:30 – 4:30	6 What's That Tree? 10 – 11am Nature Center Open House 1:30 -3 pm Evening Stroll at Erving 5 – 6 Campfire Program 7 – 8 p.m.
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NATURE CENTER

Nature Center Hours Thu 2 – 4 Fri 3 – 5 Sat 1:30 – 3 Sun 12 - 2	Meet the Park Interpreter at the Nature Center and learn some pretty neat things about Erving State Forest. You can start a journal, make a campground map, examine track molds, or even see some pretty interesting rocks and minerals up close! We have fun nature games and quizzes that Mom & Dad might enjoy too. <u>All</u> Children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Laurel Loop to Lonely Rock	There's more to the rocks under your feet than meets the eye. Meet at the Ranger Station near the picnic area for this moderate hike and see some of the most interesting and curious looking rocks in Massachusetts. We'll enjoy breathtaking views, seas of mountain laurel and even get a glimpse of Mt. Monadnock as we walk & talk about the history of Erving State Forest. This is a moderately steep hike that will take about 1 hour. This hike is suitable for anyone who can complete a moderate hike on uneven terrain. Wear sturdy shoes/boots, bring water, and sunscreen and insect repellent if you'd like. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
Walk...A lot...Here	at Erving State Forest. Walking is part of a healthy life style and what better place to hike than in a beautiful state forest. Trails are the heart of our park system and this program is designed to introduce people to walking on woodland trails and old forest roads. Meet the Park Interpreter at

	the Nature Center , where we'll take a different, easy route each week to get some great, outdoor exercise. This program is suitable for all ages. Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes/boot, bring water, and take insect repellent or sunscreen if you'd like.
It's a Microscopic World	Join the Park Interpreter at the Nature Center and get a close up look, under a microscope at tiny insects, rocks and plants in our forest. This program is suitable for children 6 and older; all children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
Wild, Wooly & Wet	Each week we'll take a closer look at the wildlife that you'll find here at Erving State Forest, and how they can even affect the way you camp! These programs are suitable for children over the age of 5 and all children must be accompanied by a parent/adult. Meet at the Nature Center for each of the wildlife programs below:
<i>Amazing Snakes</i>	Erving State Forest supports a variety of native snakes & amphibians. Learn more about these creatures and the habitats within the park where they can be found.
<i>Camping With Bears</i>	Black bears are at home here at Erving State Forest so "bear safety" is important for you to know! Learn how bears live, and how you can <u>avoid</u> having one visit your campsite here.
<i>Beavers Building</i>	Investigate the unique adaptations beavers use to modify their environment and impact the landscapes in which they live. This large, nocturnal, semi-aquatic large rodent fells trees with large front teeth to build dams on rivers and streams.
<i>Who's Hooting – Owls</i>	Talk about owls! There are many different varieties of owls here in the park, each with their own special features. This nocturnal bird of prey is a magnificent hunter with large eyes and a head that can turn nearly 270 degrees!
What's That Tree?	Meet the Park Interpreter at the Nature Center for this 1 hour hike along the New Salem Trail and meet the trees, roots and some of the other plants that inhabit the Erving State Forest. Many trees are marked, which will help us with our preliminary tree I.D. This hike is suitable for all ages capable of a moderate hike. Wear comfortable clothes, sturdy shoes/boots, bring water, and insect repellent and sunscreen as needed. All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
Evening Stroll at Erving	Meet the Park Interpreter at the Nature Center, to start a one hour walk to explore Erving State Forest on Mountain Road and the Swoop Trail. This program is suitable for all ages, wear sturdy shoes, comfortable clothes, and bring water & insect repellent. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Bring a flashlight or headlamp if desired.
Campfire Program	Join the Park Interpreter next to the Nature Center for a welcome campfire. Learn about fire safety sing along, or listen to a great story. Do you have a great story to tell? Bring it along! The campfire is for all ages, wear suitable clothing and bring a flashlight and a folding chair. All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult.
Kiddleidoscope Kids	Meet at the Nature Center for this 1 hour interactive story hour geared for children ages 3 – 7

	(siblings welcome.) This program will introduce kids to nature with a themed story, outdoor activity and related craft. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult.
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